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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : N.P. Huynh  
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Serial No.: 09/701,121 : Group: 1644  
Filed: November 20, 2000 :  
For: MONOMER...CARTILAGE AND BONE :

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RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of April 9, 2002, please amend  
this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 to 5, 11 and 12 and add the following claims:

--13. An MP52 protein wherein the cysteine related to dimer  
formation has been replaced by an amino acid selected from the  
group consisting of serine, threonine, alanine and valine.

14. The MP52 protein according to claim 13, comprising an  
amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID No: 2 of the sequence  
listing.--

**Claim 6** (amended) An agent comprising the monomer protein of  
claim 13 containing an effective amount of the monomer protein for  
preventing and treating a disease affecting bone and/or cartilage.